

AMENDMENT

Serial No. 08/480,472  
Atty. Docket No. GP034-03.DV1Remarks

Claims 39-42, 48-51, 54-56, 67-73, 75, 78-80, 82-84, 86, 88-90, 92, 93, 95, 96, 98, 100-158, 160-162, 164-174, 177-206, 209-213, 216-224 and 227-231 are presently pending in the subject application.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 99, 159, 176, 207, 208, 225 and 226 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in this or a future continuing application.

Claim 98 has been amended herein to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 99. Claims 197 and 198 depend from claim 98.

In view of the Examiner's "Summary of Claims Status From 326 Form" set forth on page 2 of the Final Office Action dated June 30, 2005, Applicants submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Amendment. If Applicants are mistaken, then please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated.

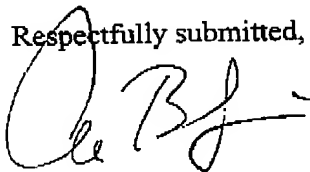
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